

Staff Findings

- Utilities, researchers, and resource agencies have documented avian collisions and electrocutions for years
- There is a lack of standardization for collecting and reporting the data
- Recent research suggests that up to 85% of collisions and electrocutions may go undetected
- Some of the utilities are developing Avian Protection Programs and are actively retrofitting power poles that cause electrocutions
- Raptor safe power lines are constructed voluntarily in certain places by some utilities



Staff Findings Continued

- The APLIC guidelines are well used by many stakeholders including industry
- Updating the guidelines regularly allows new information to be incorporated
- Statewide construction standards would ensure the greatest reduction in electrocutions and collisions
- Additional long-term studies would help assess the scope of the impact, and how implementation of mitigation can reduce the impact
- Collaborating with industry, researchers and other stakeholders is an effective way to share information and continue to resolve impacts



Staff Policy Options

- Statewide guidelines for electrical power poles may be an appropriate way to gain consistency statewide
- Support the effort to update electrical transmission line guidance documents
- Support long-term monitoring studies through PIER Environmental Area efforts

